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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD PROGRAM EXTENDS FOOD ASSISTANCE TO PATRIOTIC
FRONT (ZAPU)

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1. LOCAL UNDP OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT A JULY
22 TIMES OF ZAMBIA REPORT THAT THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM
(WFP) HAS EXTENDED K1,120,000 IN FOOD AID TO RHODESIAN
REFUGEES AFFILIATED WITH ZAPU WAS CORRECT. ACCORDING TO
THE UNDP OFFICIAL, THE APPROXIMATELY U.S. \$1.4 MILLION
WILL BE SPENT FOR FOOD WORTH U.S. 877,000; THE BALANCE
OF U.S. \$523,000 WILL COVER RELATED COSTS. THE LOCAL
OFFICIAL DID NOT HAVE DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF THE
RELATED COSTS. PLANS CALL FOR PROCUREMENT OF 9,000 TONS
OF MAIZE FLOUR, PULSES, DRIED SKIM MILK, VEGETABLE OIL
AND CANNED MEAT OR FIS . RECIPIENTS WILL BE REFUGEES IN
ZAMBIA.

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2. UNDP OFFICIAL SAID THAT FOOD PROGRAM WAS THE RESULT OF
A DIRECT APPROACH BY JOSHUA NKOMO AND WAS BASED ON NEED TO
FEED 12,000 REFUGEES IN ZAMBIA. UNDP OFFICIAL SAID ZAPU
HAD NOT PROVIDED BREAKDOWN OF THE 12,000 FIGURE, SHOWING WHO
WERE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND WHO WERE REFUGEES. THE OFFICIAL
OBSERVED THAT WFP ASSISTANCE WAS GENERALLY CLASSIFIED

AS HUMANITARIAN IN ANY CASE. ASKED IF THE ASSISTANCE WAS GOING DIRECTLY TO ZAPU OR THROUGH THE GRZ, THE OFFICIAL REPLIED THE AID WOULD BE GOING TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WHICH IN THIS CASE MEANT ZAPU, BUT THE DESIGNATION PATRIOTIC FRONT WITH ZAPU IN PARENTHESIS WAS BEING USED. HE EXPLAINED THAT AFTER THE LIBREVILLE SUMMIT, UNDP HEADQUARTERS HAD SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM THE OAU ON THE MEANING OF THE SUMMIT RESOLUTION "UNRECOGNIZING" THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. REPLIES FROM THE OAU HAD NOT BEEN HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING THE STATUS OF THE FRONT APART FROM AGREEMENT THAT THE SUMMIT HAD RECOGNIZED THE FRONT AS THE BODY CONDUCTING THE MILITARY STRUGGLE. HOWEVER HE NOTED THAT, IN MATTERS RELATED TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, UN AGENCIES ARE GUIDED BY OAU DECISIONS.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE UNDP AND PERHAPS OTHER AGENCIES ARE INTERPRETING THE OAU SUMMIT DECISION AS MEANING THAT THEY SHOULD ASSIST ONLY THOSE IDENTIFIED WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. LOCAL UNHCR REP TOLD EMBOFF JULY 21 THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY GENEVA THAT LOCAL UNHCR SHOULD DEAL ONLY WITH THE FRONT AS THE SOLE RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU. THIS DECISION STRIKES US AS SOMEWHAT HASTY GIVEN THE OAU RESOLUTION WHICH LEAVES ROOM, WE BELIEVE, FOR THE INTERPRETATION THAT DEALING WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS, AT THE LEAST, NOT EXCLUDED. OBVIOUSLY, IF THE UN AGENCIES ARE INTERPRETING THE OAU SUMMIT DECISION AS DERECOGNITION OF SITHOLE

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AND MUZOREWA, THERE ARE SERIOUS POLICY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S. AND BRITAIN AS THEY TRY TO WORK OUT THE BASIS FOR A NEGOTIATED RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

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